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DAREDEVIL[®]

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



YOU'VE HAD
IT, HERO-MAN!
TODAY BELONGS TO
BLACKWING
AND THE CIRCUS OF
CRIME!

THE MOST OFF-BEAT
D.D. THRILL-FEST OF ALL!
**"CIRCUS
SPELLED
SIDEWAYS IS
DEATH!"**

WHO SAYS
THIS ISN'T THE
MARVEL AGE
OF
MIND-BENDING
MAYHEM?

He dwells in eternal night—but the blackness is filled with sounds and scents, tastes and textures other men cannot perceive. For though attorney MATT MURDOCK is *blind*, his other four senses function with *superhuman sharpness*—his uncanny *radar sense* guides him over every obstacle! Armed only with his *billy club*, his fighting skill, and his courage, he stalks the streets by night, a relentless red-garbed foe of evil!

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FOR OUR BLIND HERO, IT
SEEMS AS THOUGH HE'S
NEVER LEFT IT... AND IN
A SENSE HE NEVER HAS.

CIRCUS SPOILED
SIDEWAYS IS
DEATH!

IT'S HIM, BOSS--
JUST LIKE YA SAID,
IT'S HIM!

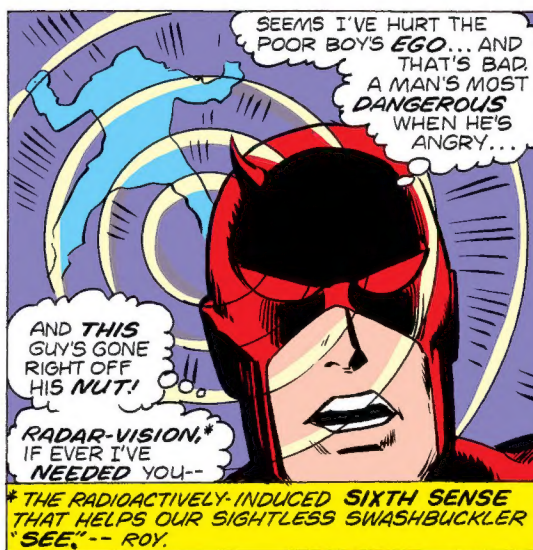
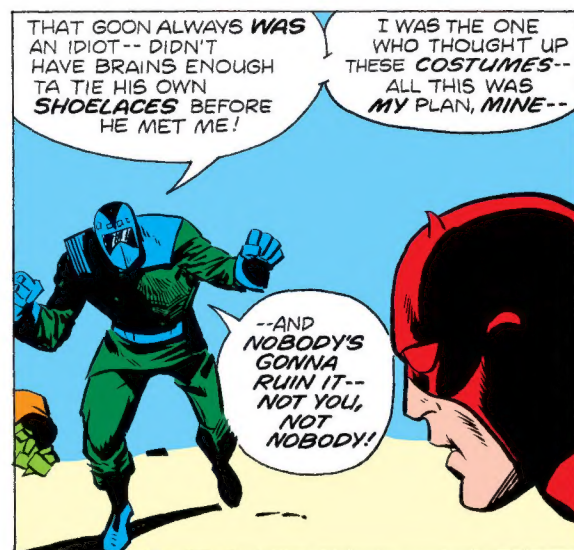
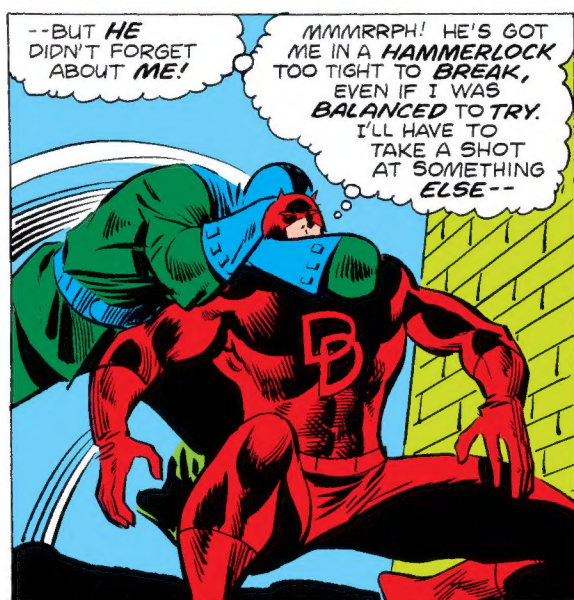
THOUGH HE'S BEEN
BACK FOR SEVERAL
MONTHS, IT STILL
SEEMS FRESH TO
TO HIM--IF A CITY
LIKE MANHATTAN
CAN EVER BE FRESH--

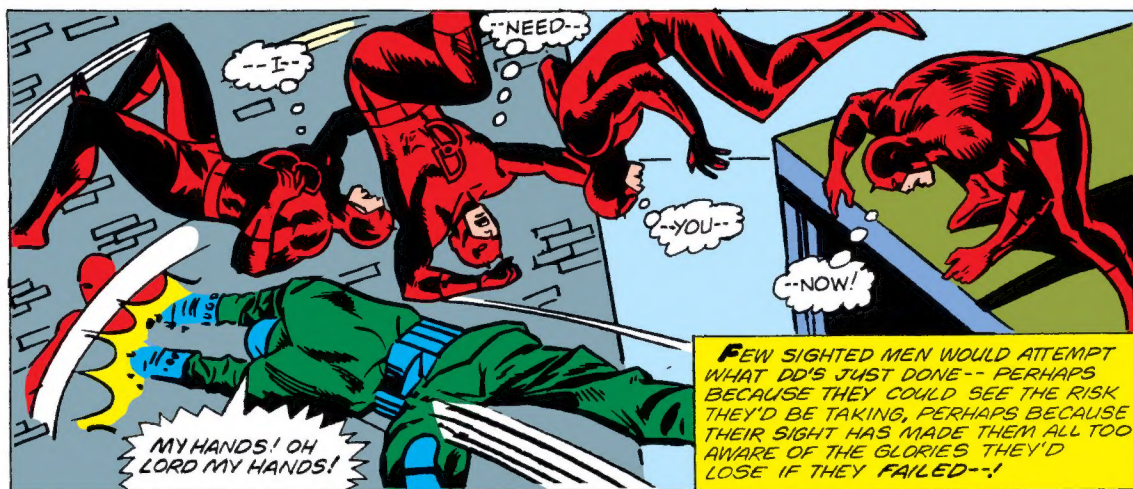
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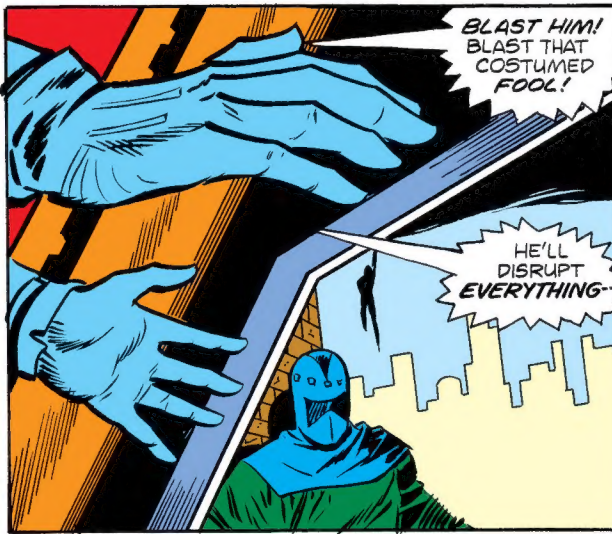
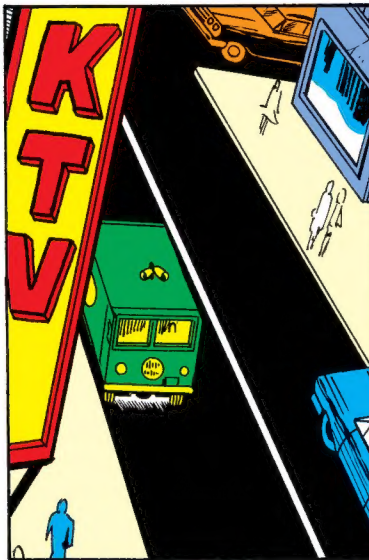
--STILL FRESH--
AND ALWAYS
STILL DEADLY!

NAH--
DAREDEVIL!











EVERYTHING! FOR MONTHS WE'VE HELD A LOW PROFILE, PLAYING BACKWATER TOWNS, BIDDING OUR TIME FOR A TRULY **MAGNIFICENT SCORE--** AND NOW THIS!

IS THERE NO **JUSTICE?** NO **DECENCY?** MUST THE **RINGMASTER** ALWAYS BE DEFEATED BEFORE HE'S **BEGUN?**



FRIENDS! YOUR ATTENTION, IF I MAY-- I'VE A SMALL **ANNOUNCEMENT**. IT APPEARS WE HAVE YET ANOTHER **MATTER** TO TAKE CARE OF BEFORE WE **STRIKE!**

DAREDEVIL!

DAREDEVIL? BUT **WHY**, RINGMASTER-- WHY HIM?



NO, I WON'T **HAVE IT...** SOMEHOW, WE'LL DESTROY THAT HORNED FOOL... IN A WAY ONLY THE **CIRCUS OF CRIME** CAN!

WE'VE FOUGHT HIM BEFORE,* WE KNOW HIS **WEAKNESS--** IF ANY TEAM CAN DEFEAT HIM, **WE** SHOULD BE THAT TEAM-- AND WE **ARE**, AND WE **WILL!**

*SPIDER-MAN #16-- ROY.



BECAUSE OF THE NEW MEMBER OF OUR CIRCUS, PRINCESS PYTHON-- THE MAN CALLED **BLACKWING!**

I'VE REASON TO BELIEVE DAREDEVIL IS **IMPERVIOUS** TO MY HYPNOTIC POWERS* --WHICH PUTS OUR TEAMMATE IN CONSIDERABLE **JEOPARDY!**

*NATCH-- BECAUSE HE CAN'T SEE THE RINGMASTER TO BE ENTRANCED BY HIM!-- ROY.



I'M NOT AFRAID OF THAT COSTUMED **BLUNDERER**, RINGMASTER... NOT AS LONG AS I HAVE MY **BATS**.

YOUR FEARS--OR **LACK** OF THEM-- DO NOT CONCERN ME, BLACKWING. THE SUCCESS OF OUR "**CAPER**" **DOES**. DAREDEVIL IS A **DANGER--**

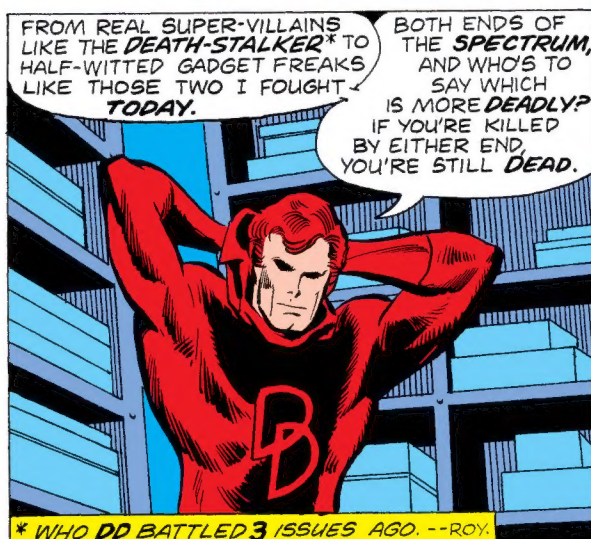


--AND MUST BE
ELIMINATED--ONCE
AND FOR **ALL!**

AND SPEAKING OF OUR SCARLET-GARBED BILLY-CLUB ENTHUSIAST, WHY DON'T WE FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM THESE PAST FEW HOURS, A PROCESS WE CAN BEGIN RIGHT NOW...



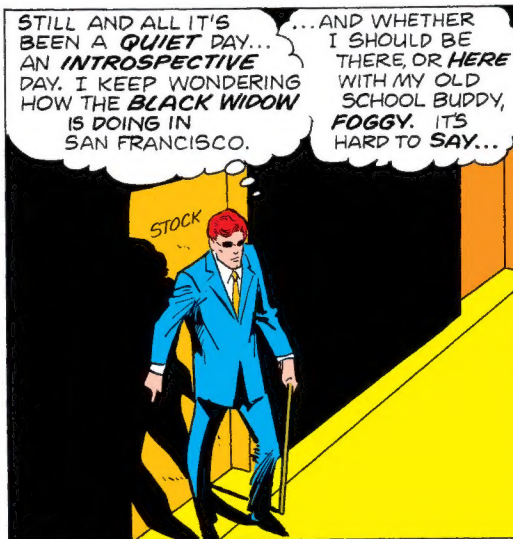
THE WISE
MAN WAS
RIGHT. IT
TAKES ALL
KINDS...



FROM REAL SUPER-VILLAINS
LIKE THE **DEATH-STALKER*** TO
HALF-WITTED GADGET FREAKS
LIKE THOSE TWO I FOUGHT
TODAY.

BOTH ENDS OF
THE **SPECTRUM**,
AND WHO'S TO
SAY WHICH
IS MORE **DEADLY?**
IF YOU'RE KILLED
BY EITHER END,
YOU'RE STILL **DEAD**.

* WHO DD BATTLED 3 ISSUES AGO. --ROY.



STILL AND ALL IT'S
BEEN A **QUIET** DAY...
AN **INTROSPECTIVE**
DAY. I KEEP WONDERING
HOW THE **BLACK WIDOW**
IS DOING IN
SAN FRANCISCO.

...AND WHETHER
I SHOULD BE
THERE, OR **HERE**
WITH MY OLD
SCHOOL BUDDY,
FOGGY. IT'S
HARD TO SAY...



SOMETIMES YOU JUST DON'T KNOW
WHERE YOUR **LOYALTIES** LIE.
SPEAKING OF **LOYALTIES**,
THERE'S MR. NELSON **NOW**.

HELLO? IS
ANYONE **HERE?**

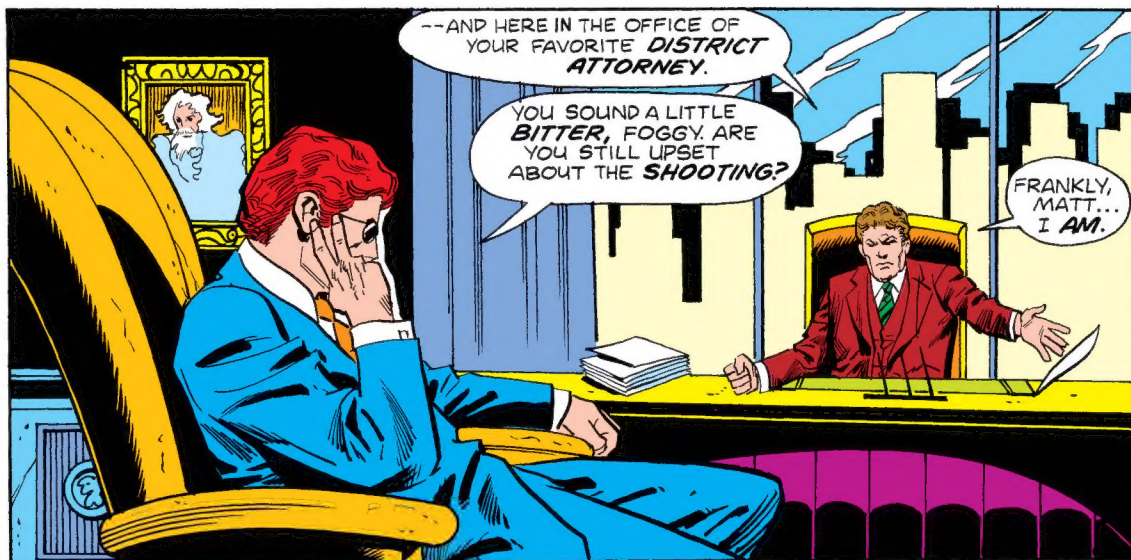
WHAT--?
OH, MATT,
IT'S
YOU!



I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D SHOW UP ON **SATURDAY**-- THAT'S THE **MATT MURDOCK STYLE**.

MY **STYLE**, TOO--SINCE I'VE TAKEN THIS
THANKLESS JOB. BESIDES, WITH MY SISTER
CANDACE GETTING READY TO LEAVE--
SHE'LL WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT
HERSELF --

- I'D JUST AS SOON BE
AWAY FROM THE **FAMILY**--



--AND HERE IN THE OFFICE OF
YOUR FAVORITE **DISTRICT**
ATTORNEY.

YOU SOUND A LITTLE
BITTER, FOGGY. ARE
YOU STILL UPSET
ABOUT THE **SHOOTING**?

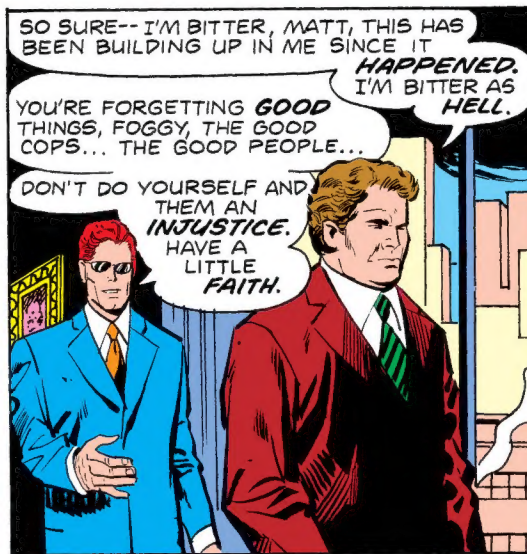
FRANKLY,
MATT...
I AM.



YOU SPEND A CHUNK OF YOUR
LIFE TRYING TO **HELP** THIS CITY--
TRYING TO MAKE IT **SAFER**, A
DECENT PLACE FOR PEOPLE
TO **LIVE**--

--YOU PUT
UP WITH THE
CRACKPOTS,
THE BAD COPS,
THE **CROOKS**--

AND THEN **WHAM**
YOU GET THE CITY'S
THANKS--
A CRUMMY BULLET
FROM A THIRD-
HAND **SATURDAY**
NIGHT SPECIAL.



SO SURE-- I'M BITTER, MATT, THIS HAS
BEEN BUILDING UP IN ME SINCE IT
HAPPENED.
I'M BITTER AS
HELL.

YOU'RE FORGETTING **GOOD**
THINGS, FOGGY, THE **GOOD**
COPS... THE **GOOD** PEOPLE...

DON'T DO YOURSELF AND
THEM AN
INJUSTICE.
HAVE A
LITTLE
FAITH.

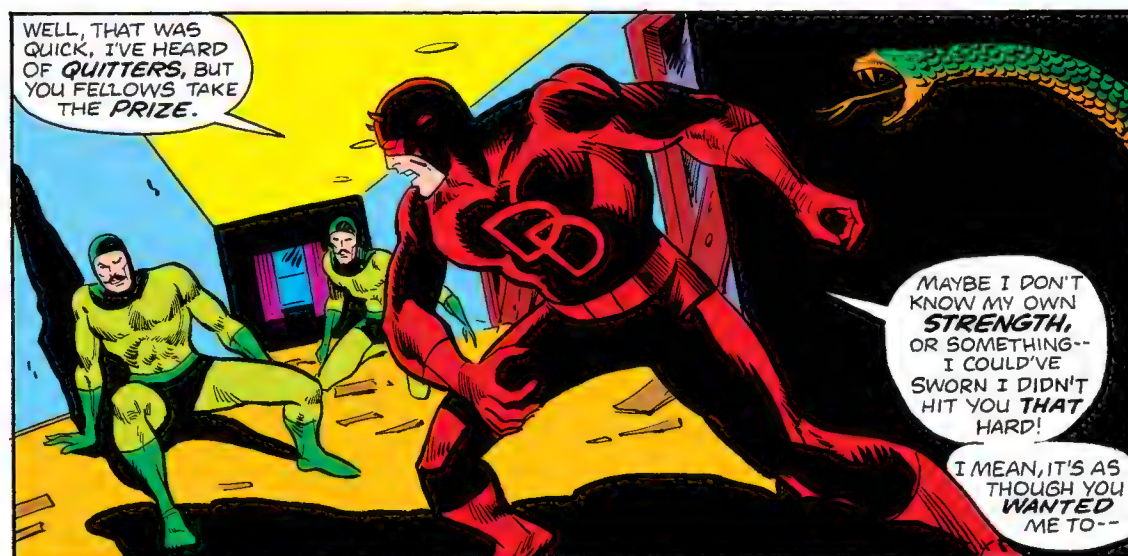


"**MAYBE**, MATT" FOGGY
MUTTERS. "I JUST **MIGHT**
BE OVER-REACTING, AT
THAT. WE'LL SEE."

ARE YOU SURE YOU SAW HIM
ENTER **THIS** BUILDING, GAMBONNO?

THE GREAT GAMBONNOS
NEVER MAKE A
MISTAKE, PRINCESS.
SI. IT IS THIS
BUILDING THAT
DAREDEVIL
ENTERED

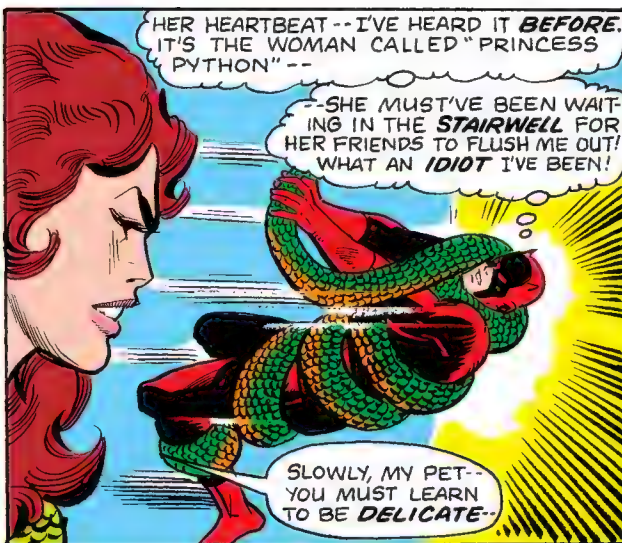






UNNNNNHH!

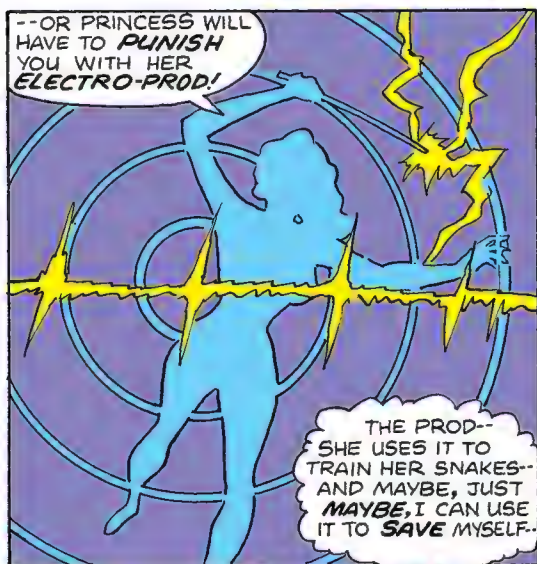
THAT'S **RIGHT**, MY PET--
SQUEEZE THE NICE
GENTLEMAN, **SQUEEZE**
HIM A BIG **HELLO**



HER HEARTBEAT--I'VE HEARD IT **BEFORE**.
IT'S THE WOMAN CALLED "**PRINCESS**
PYTHON"--

--SHE MUST'VE BEEN WAIT-
ING IN THE **STAIRWELL** FOR
HER FRIENDS TO FLUSH ME OUT!
WHAT AN **IDIOT** I'VE BEEN!

SLOWLY, MY PET--
YOU MUST LEARN
TO BE **DELICATE**--



--OR **PRINCESS** WILL
HAVE TO **PUNISH**
YOU WITH HER
ELECTRO-PROD!

THE **PROD**--
SHE USES IT TO
TRAIN HER SNAKES--
AND MAYBE, JUST
MAYBE, I CAN USE
IT TO **SAVE** MYSELF--



--IF I CAN
JUST--MANAGE
TO GET MY **LEG**
UP--AND
BRACE MYSELF--



--FOR
THIS!

SPRAAAAK!

EEEEEE!

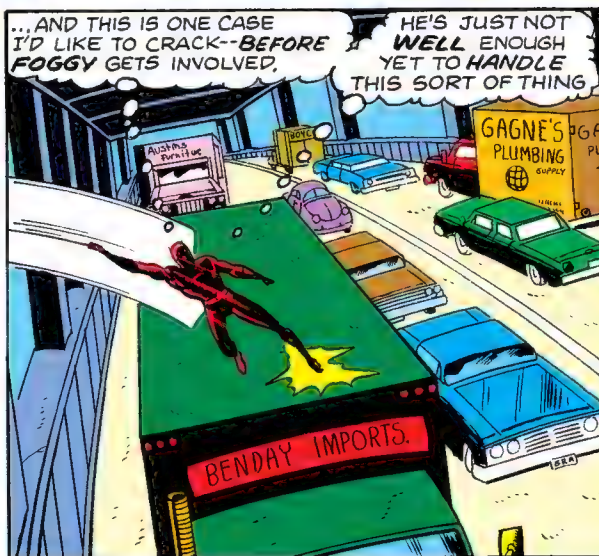
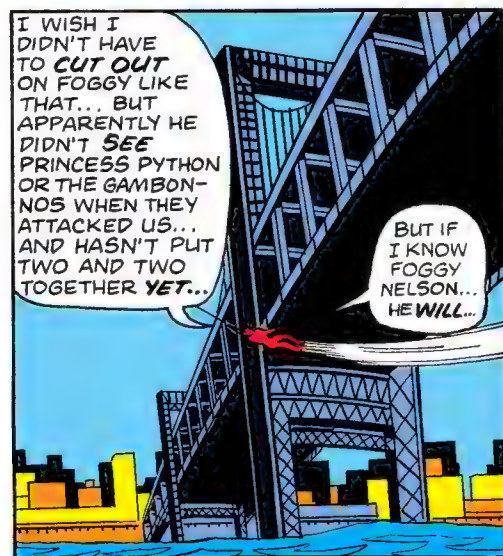
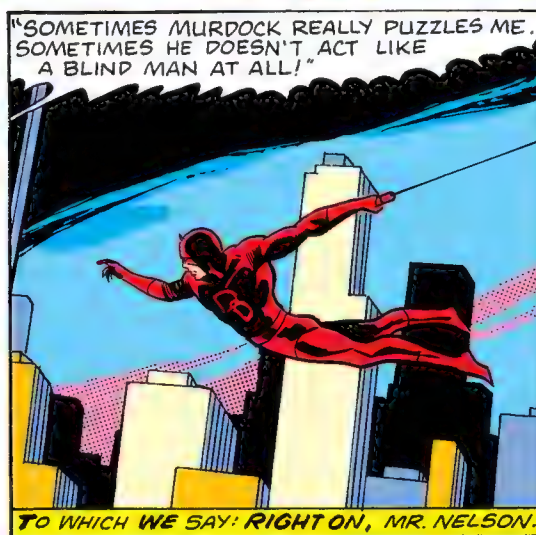
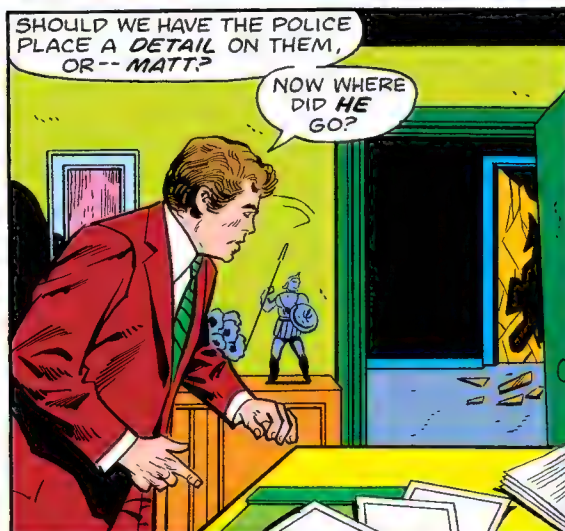
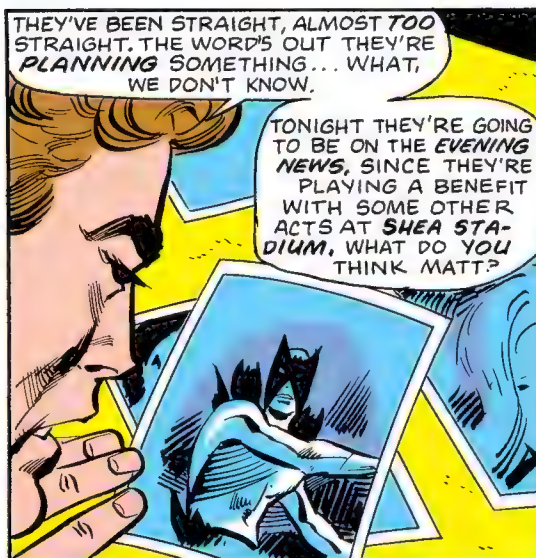


YOU MONSTER-- YOU'VE
KILLED HER! YOU KILLED
MY **PET**-- AS THOUGH
SHE WERE SOME
KIND OF--OF
ANIMAL!

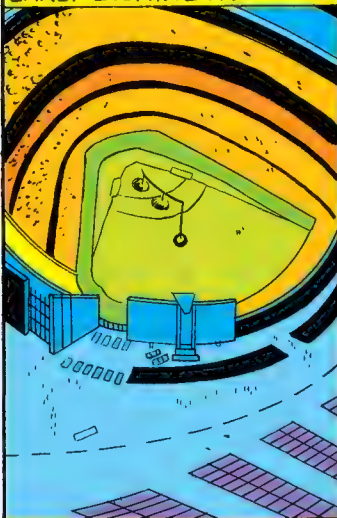
LADY--HAVE YOU
GOT YOUR PRIORITIES
MIXED UP!

CAUGHT A
BIT OF THAT
ELECTRIC
SHOCK
MYSELF--!
DIZZY--!
BETTER
GET MY
BEARINGS
BEFORE--





LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FAMOUS MARVEL TIME PARADOX, AND LEAP AHEAD A FEW HOURS TO THE EARLY EVENING...



...AND PICK UP OUR STORY IN QUEENS, NY, IN FLUSHING MEADOWS, THE LOCATION OF SHEA STADIUM...

...WHERE THE PIECES OF OUR STORY-PUZZLE ARE BEGINNING TO FALL INTO PLACE...

WE'RE ON IN FIVE MINUTES. TRY TO REMEMBER, YOU FOOLS... DAREDEVIL WILL BE THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR SUCCESS.

ABOVE ALL, DON'T GET COCKY...



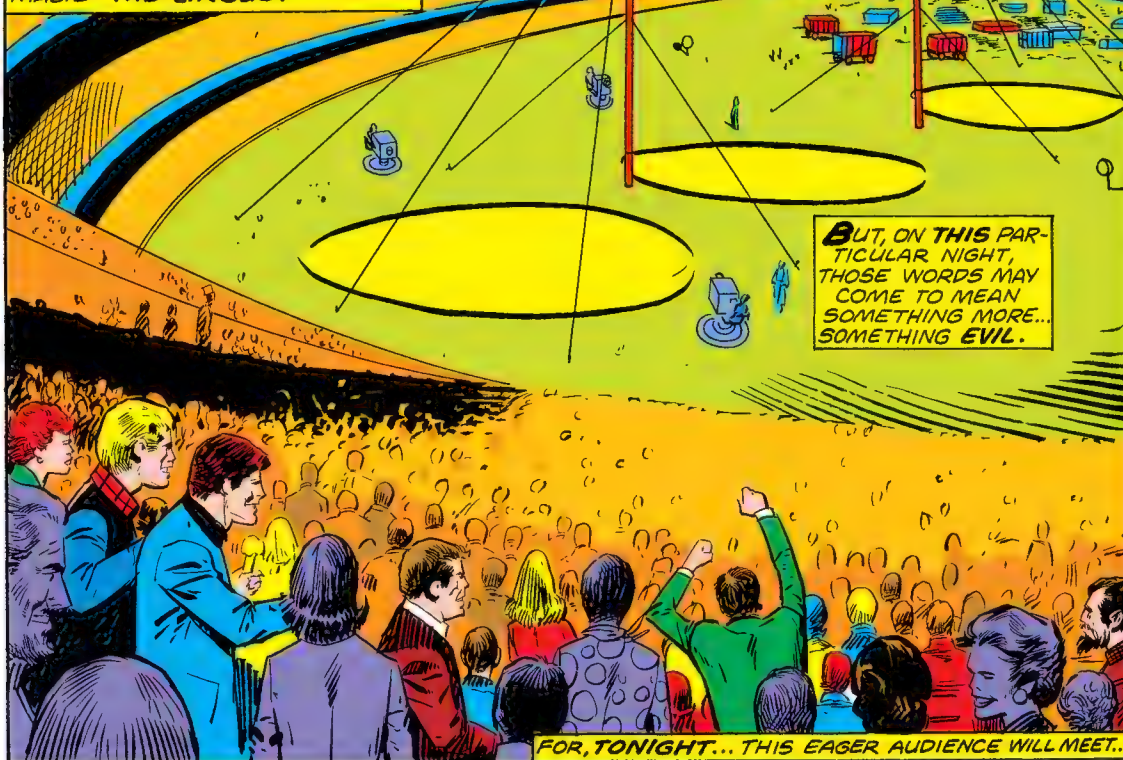
...WE'VE COME TOO FAR, PLANNED TOO HARD, TO HAVE IT ALL END BECAUSE WE TOOK TOO MUCH LUCK FOR GRANTED!

SURE, RINGMASTER, SURE.

LET'S JUST GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD.



"THE SMELL OF THE GREASEPAINT, THE ROAR OF THE CROWD"-- WORDS WHICH HAVE FORMED THE BASIS OF MANY POPULAR SONGS, AND THE EXPRESSION OF AN IDEA WHICH STIRS THE SPIRITS OF MILLIONS OF CHILDREN, AN ALMOST UNIVERSAL SYMBOL OF MAGIC: THE CIRCUS!



BUT, ON THIS PARTICULAR NIGHT, THOSE WORDS MAY COME TO MEAN SOMETHING MORE... SOMETHING EVIL.

FOR, TONIGHT... THIS EAGER AUDIENCE WILL MEET...

... THE CIRCUS OF CRIME!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
YOUR ATTENTION
PLEASE!

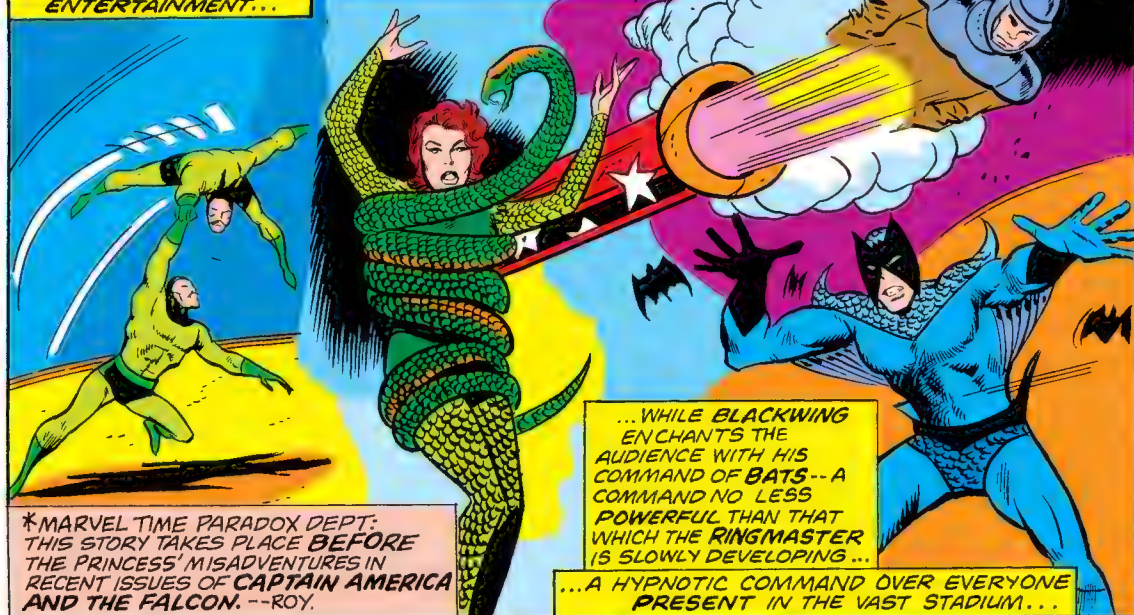
IN THIS RING FOR YOUR
DELIGHT AND **EDIFICATION**--
STARTING WITH THE DEATH-
DEFYING GYMNASTICS OF THE
GREAT **GAMBONNOS**!



FIRST THE GAMBONNOS
TUMBLE ACROSS WHAT
IS NORMALLY A
BASEBALL FIELD, THEIR
SUPERB TRAINING
TURNED TO MERE
ENTERTAINMENT...

...FOLLOWED BY THE SINUOUS
PRINCESS PYTHON, HER
SNAKES OBEYING HER EVERY
COMMAND, HER PERFORMANCE
A **MASTERY OF TECHNIQUE**...*

...THEN COMES THE MAN
CALLED **CANNONBALL**,
ALLOWING HIMSELF TO BE
USED AS HUMAN FODDER...



*MARVEL TIME PARADOX DEPT:
THIS STORY TAKES PLACE **BEFORE**
THE PRINCESS' MISADVENTURES IN
RECENT ISSUES OF **CAPTAIN AMERICA**
AND **THE FALCON**. --ROY.

...WHILE **BLACKWING**
ENCHANTS THE
AUDIENCE WITH HIS
COMMAND OF **BATS**-- A
COMMAND NO LESS
POWERFUL THAN THAT
WHICH THE **RINGMASTER**
IS SLOWLY DEVELOPING ...

...A HYPNOTIC COMMAND OVER EVERYONE
PRESENT IN THE VAST STADIUM...

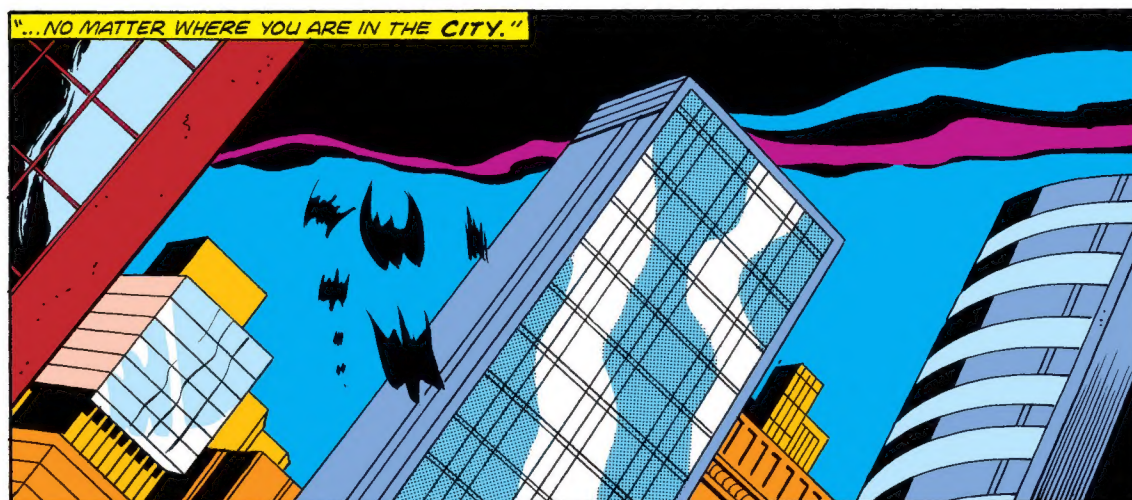
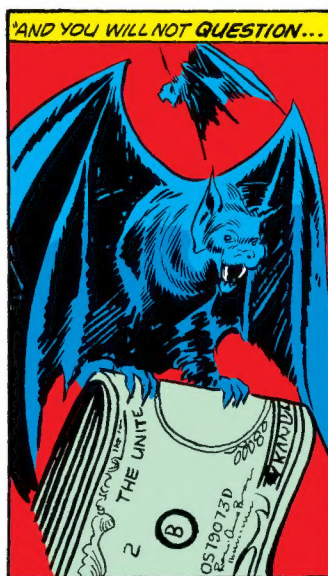
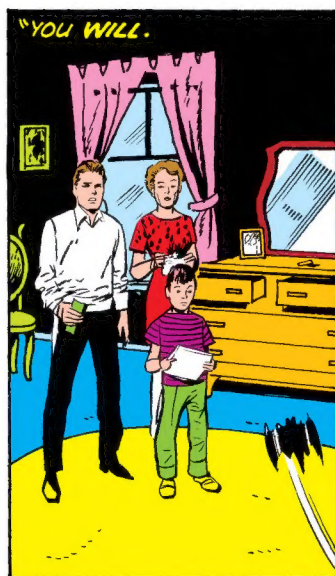
... AND THROUGH THE AID OF THE TELEVISION
CREWS WHOSE CAMERAS RECORD THIS
BENEFIT LIVE...



... OVER PEOPLE NOT PRESENT
IN THE STADIUM AS WELL!

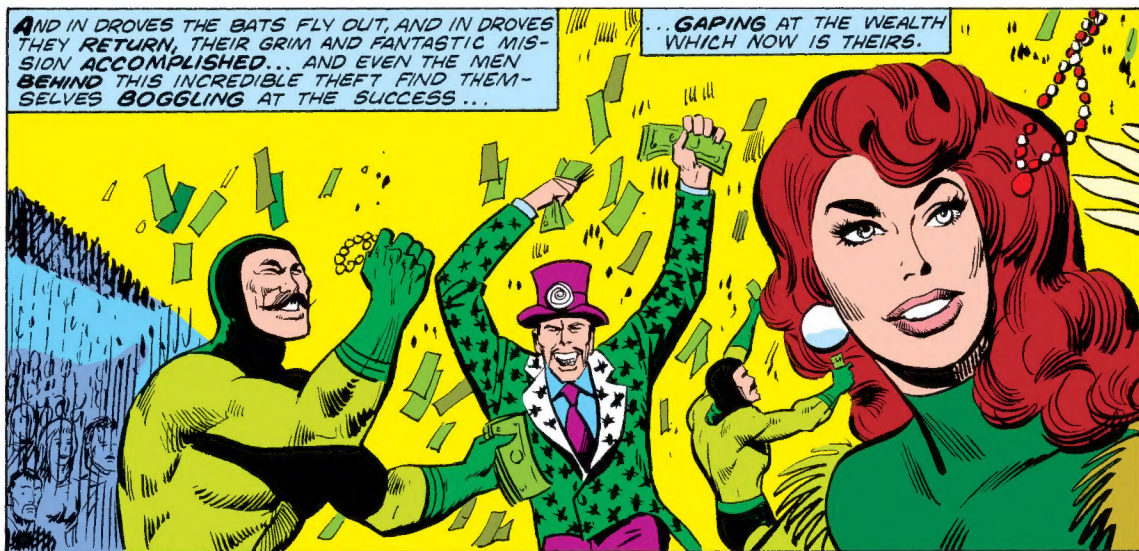


YES, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN--
YES... A CIRCUS
TO DELIGHT YOU...
A CIRCUS TO **COMMAND** YOU...



AND IN DROVES THE BATS FLY OUT, AND IN DROVES THEY RETURN, THEIR GRIM AND FANTASTIC MISSION ACCOMPLISHED... AND EVEN THE MEN BEHIND THIS INCREDIBLE THEFT FIND THEMSELVES BOGGLED AT THE SUCCESS...

...GAPING AT THE WEALTH WHICH NOW IS THEIRS.



OR IS IT?

NOT **BAD** FELLAS. YOU MIGHT JUST HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT TOO...



...IF I HADN'T DECIDED TO TAKE A **PERSONAL** INTEREST...WHICH I HAVE.

DAREDEVIL!
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SHOW UP.

FORTUNATELY, YOU'VE ARRIVED TOO LATE, **HORN-HEAD**. WE'VE ALREADY **COMPLETED** OUR THEFT... NOW ALL WE NEED DO--



--IS DISPOSE OF YOU!

TSK, TSK, GANG. WHY DO YOU THINK I WAITED THIS LONG TO DROP IN?



ONCE I REALIZED WHAT YOU WERE UP TO, I HAD TO SEE ABOUT ALERTING THE **POLICE!**

I DROPPED OFF AT THE NEAREST PRECINCT-- JOGGLED THE **DESK SERGEANT** OUT OF THE TRANCE YOUR TRICKS PUT HIM INTO--

--THEN HEADED ON BACK **HERE**, TO KEEP YOU **JOKERS BUSY--**



